

Synopsis on Karen Hornaday Park Committee Meeting

February 9, 2012

Chairman Robert Archibald called the meeting to order at 3:40.

Present were Marty McCleery, Deb Cox, Phil Needham, and Trish Lillibridge.

Staff present was Angie Otteson, Park Staff and Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician

The Agenda was approved.

There were no public comments.

Synopsis of Dec.5, 2012 Meeting was approved.

There were no visitors.

Staff/Committee Reports

Deb Cox reported on the Homer Playground Project.

Build Week is coming together nicely and funds are coming in. Funds raised to date are \$72,000 with more on the way. The crew for build week is being organized.

HoPP will participate in Winter Carnival over the weekend and conduct more fund raising. They will also be in the Parade on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Rules were suspended at this point so Phil Needham could give a update on the Ball Fields. The infields have been improved and two out of three should come out of winter in fair shape. The West Field will need more work before it can be used.

A discussion was held on the needs of the Ball Fields. The Dugouts are in need of replacement and fences repaired. The field grass is in acceptable shape.

A budget was talked about for the fields and Mr. Needham will submit an estimate for the improvements at the next meeting. Pursuing more funds from the City was discussed and Phil was advised to discuss this with staff for the next step.

Pending Business

The next step for KHP Improvements should be the following:

Improve the Ball Fields

Replace the Dugouts

Repair Outfield Fences

This will bring fields up to safety standards.

Following the Ball Fields the Camp Host Program should be pursued. This Committee has passed on to the Commission this recommendation. A request to staff for a status report will be submitted by Chair Archibald.

The last project to receive attention and the most important is to use funds to conduct a shovel ready engineering plan for Drainage, Parking and Trail along Woodard Creek.

Without further improvement to Drainage and Parking the horse is getting ahead of the cart. KHP suffers from this problem now and it was felt that any other improvements to the parking area without an overall plan would only exacerbate the existing problems.

A formal recommendation was passed by the Committee to the Commission.

New Business

Ralph Broshe was elected Vice Chair of the Committee.

Meetings Schedule should be held at least monthly. Further discussion was postponed until next meeting.

Funding options were discussed for very short time. It was pointed out by the Chair that there are many sources of funding out there. It takes time, energy and proper information to apply, however it is possible. Any attempt should be coordinated with City Staff for proper information. It was also pointed out that Grants are available which require matching funds and the question on saving some existing grant money for these may be prudent.

There were no comments from Audience, Staff

The Committee had no Comments

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 5:30

Submitted by
Robert Archibald, Chair